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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Requests for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(e) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$850.00 for the fees listed below and any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of ____ is enclosed for the following:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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